REMARKS

A Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372 was mailed to the Applicants on January 7, 2009, asserting that claims 1-25 are directed to multiple invention groups and multiple species of the invention.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicants elect <u>Invention Group II</u> including claims <u>15-23</u>. The Applicants further elect polyurethane/polycarbonate as polymeric material of <u>Species Group 1</u>, methylene blue as organic dye of <u>Species Group 2</u>, and catheter as device of <u>Species Group 3</u>.

The pending claims of Invention Group II that are readable on the elected polyurethane/polycarbonate species are Claims 15-20 and 22-23; the pending claims of Invention Group II that are readable on the elected methylene blue species are Claims 15-23; and the pending claims of Invention Group II that are readable on the elected catheter species are Claims 15-23.

Further consideration of the present application in view of the foregoing elections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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